

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
MINUTES – June 18, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION.** A regular meeting of the State Board of Health was called to order by the Chair, Gary Westerman, DDS, at 1:05 PM on June 18, 2012 in Conference Room 1-Z of the State Office Building in Lincoln. Copies of the agenda were mailed to board members, news media, and other interested parties prior to the meeting, and posted on the Health and Human Services website. The following members were present: Edward Discoe, MD; Ted Evans, DVM; Russell Hopp, DO; Diane Jackson, APRN; Ken Kester, Pharm D, JD; Dale Michels, MD; Debra Parsow; Roger Reamer, MBA; Rich Robinson, PE; Paul Salansky, OD; Wayne Stuberg, PhD, PT; John Tennity, DPM; Gary Westerman, DDS; and Daryl Wills, DC. Quorum met.

Members not in attendance: Daniel Bizzell, EdD; Janet Coleman; Luisa Rounds, RN.

Staff attending: Ron Briel, Monica Gissler, David Montgomery, Anne Owens, Kay Pinkley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Dr. Westerman asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the meeting today. There being no objections, the agenda was approved by consent calendar.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Dr. Westerman asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the March 26, 2012 meeting. There being no objections, the minutes were approved by roll call vote as amended.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.** Dr. Westerman reported on the following:

1. Has anyone attended any professional board meetings that they would like to report on?

Ms. Coleman attended the Board of Massage Therapy meeting.

There is a current 2012 Professional Board Meeting Schedule on the handout table. It is important that you let Monica know in advance when you plan to attend a meeting, and if you plan to attend the entire meeting or just a portion. If the meeting includes a working lunch, a lunch will not be ordered for you, unless specific arrangements are made.

2. Paul Salansky and I participated in the annual Special Olympics Healthy Athletes activity on Friday, May 18. Opening Eyes had 15 stations and Special Smiles offered education and assessments.
3. Our condolences to Roger Reamer on the loss of his mother.
4. There is a new travel expense reimbursement procedure. Everyone must sign a worksheet or voucher. Everything must be submitted to staff within 45 days of incurring the expense; staff must have everything submitted online within 60 days, and they need time to be able to process everything. Today is actually the last day to submit expenses for the current fiscal

year, so I encourage you to sign your expense form and get it turned in today. As a Board member, it is your responsibility to submit your request for reimbursement within the 45 day timeframe.

5. Thanks to some legwork by Ms. Jackson, we have been invited by Phelps Memorial Hospital in Holdrege to have our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at their facility. The Professional Boards Committee will conduct interviews on the Sunday afternoon the day prior, September 16. Anne and Monica will send out details for hotel arrangements and a possible dinner on Sunday evening.
6. At the end of this meeting today our meeting today we will set our 2013 meeting dates.
7. As you can see, we are trying the paperless meeting format today. We appreciate Bill Wisell helping Monica and Anne to get this set up. Please send your feedback to Monica after the meeting so she knows what changes can be made to enhance this format for all of us.
8. Dr. Dan Bizzell has resigned from the Board of Health for personal and medical reasons. He will be missed, and we wish him the best.
9. Dr. Kester brought four pharmacy students with him today, and we welcome them.
10. And lastly, enjoy your last meeting in this room, because in July 1-Y and 1-Z will no longer be available as a conference room.

**CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.** Dr. Acierno reported on the activities of the Licensure Unit.

- Genetic Counselors are a new profession that will be licensed starting December 1, 2012. There was a 407 review on them.
- In FY2011, there were 2,111 total complaints against health care professions and occupations.
- The Licensure Unit conducted 2,027 inspections and surveys of health care facilities.
- There were 54 facility disciplinary actions in FY2011, and 505 for professions and occupations.

Dr. Evans made a motion to receive both of these reports under agenda item #6; seconded by Dr. Hopp. All in favor by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Credentialing Review (407) Committee** – Ms. Parsow presented.

Update on Technical Review for Music Therapists. The second meeting is tomorrow. Debra Parsow serves as Chair.

There was an orientation session for proposed members of the new Credentialing Review Professional Pool. The following members were accepted:

- Robert Sandstrom, Ph.D., P.T.
- Marcy Wyrens, RRT (Respiratory Care)

We are in need of neutral professionals. Board of Health members were asked to forward any names they think would be appropriate. Potential upcoming reviews include Manicurists, Radiation Technicians, Dental Technicians, and Nurse Practitioners.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to receive this committee's report, seconded by Dr. Evans. All in favor by voice vote.

**Rules and Regulations Committee** – Dr. Kester reported.

Regulations for approval by the Board of Health:

- 172 NAC 17, Dr. Kester made a Committee motion to approve these regulations. Roll call vote: Voting yes: 14 (Discoe, Evans, Hopp, Jackson, Kester, Michels, Parsow, Reamer, Robinson, Salansky, Stuberger, Tennity, Westerman; Wills); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carries.

There was an updated status report of the UCA regulations shared. Dr. Stuberger made a motion to receive the review of these regulations and this Committee report, with a second by Dr. Hopp and all were in favor by voice vote.

**Professional Boards Committee**. Dr. Tennity, Committee Chair, reported.

They interviewed four applicants to serve on the Nebraska Center for Nursing, and are making the following recommendations to be forwarded to Governor Heineman for appointment:

1. \* Alice Kindschuh, MSN
2. Cindy Hadenfeldt, EdD, MSN
3. Carman DeMare, DNP, MSN

There was agreement that there should be a special letter sent to a 4<sup>th</sup> applicant Helen Chapple, PhD for potential service in another capacity. Dr. Tennity made a committee motion to approve these recommendations. Voting yes to approve all proposed appointments: Roll call vote: Voting yes: 14 (Discoe, Evans, Hopp, Jackson, Kester, Michels, Parsow, Reamer, Robinson, Salansky, Stuberger, Tennity, Westerman; Wills); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carries.

The Committee also interviewed two incumbents for other boards to be reappointed in November.

Dr. Michels made a motion to receive this Committee report with a second by Ms. Jackson; all in favor by voice vote.

**Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee:** Dr. Hopp, Committee Chair, reported.

1. Carman DeMare, DNP, MSN, APRN-NP presented to the full Board of Health earlier in the day regarding nurse-led interdisciplinary collaboration and her Quality Improvement Project at Creighton University School of Nursing: “Active surveillance and referral program to ensure respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) prophylaxis for the pediatric congenital heart disease (CHD) population.” She provided handouts of her presentation, but highlights included:

- Monthly injection (Synagis) that can prevent RSV.
- There is no formal policy or process for the identification and referral of CHD patients eligible for the RSV prophylaxis.
- Children’s electronic medical record (EMR).
- PDSA – Plan, Do, Study, Act

Dr. Michels made a motion to receive this Committee report; seconded by Dr. Stuberg. All in favor by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** The Executive Committee is developing a guideline for mediation with professional boards.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Set 2013 meeting dates:

January 28 – Legislative luncheon

March 18

June 17

September 16 – out of town? Nebraska Heart Hospital in Lincoln was suggested.

November 18

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING.** The next regular Board of Health meeting will be September 17, 2012 at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Holdrege.

**ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM. Minutes taken by Monica Gissler. Minutes approved by full Board of Health on September 17, 2012.

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